Thequestion where to send the family this sum-OTTAWA BEACH mer has been, for a vast number of the people of this city AND THE and beyond, great-

RATHBONE BROS. ly simplified in the arrangement just consumated, and

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These gentlemen are well known in connection with successful enterprises in hoteldom. They know their business, yea even from the proper care of the most insignificant kitchen requirement to beautifully polishing and dressing the ruffles of the worst disposition that ever breathed over a hotel counter. The improvements made last season will be further advanced in many ways. The beautifying of the grounds will be extended. Fine new hair mattresses have already been purchased, and special attention will be given to the supplying and serving of good meals. The date of the opening has not yet been determined upon, but particulars regarding proposed rates of board (which are to be very reasonable) may now be obtained by addressing the Rathbone Bros., care of Morton House, Grand Rapids.

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SON TO TOLEDO. Sunday, May 13th, the Ann Arbor

Railroad will open the season with an excursion to Toledo. Special train will leave Alma at 6:13 a. m. Fare for the round trip only \$1.50. Children under twelve years of age, half this rate. Lake Erie Park and Casino which has

afforded such enjoyment to our patrons during past two seasons, will be opened on that date on a scale of magnificience never before equalled by any place of amusement in this country. Thousands of dollars have been expended since last season on improvements and additions, notable among which are Thompson's Famous Scenic Railway, World's Fair Scenic Theatre, Marsden's Mystic Maize, and other attraction too numerous to mention. The Theatrical Entertainment arranged for the opening day will be strictly first-class. Don't miss it.

Farmers' Club.

Following is the program for the Se ville and Sumner Farmers' Club to be held at Mrs. R. Gee's, Thursday, May 6, 1897.

Meeting called to order by the president. Instrumental Music—Brooks Hammond. Subject for discussion—Lessons of the rout

Sugar Beet Culture—Alfred Fisher. Qualities of the Duroe Jersey Hog for profit The Farmer as a Business man-II, B. An

Kitchen Boonomy-Miss Eva Fullerton. Butter Making-Mrs. H. B. Angell Question Box. Music-Solo-Miss Rhyn.

Religious Notes.

METHODIST.

The pastor will preach morning and evening. Subject for morning, "The Throne and the Footstool;" subject for evening, "Like a Cedar in Lebanon. Sunday school at 12 m. Epworth League Tuesday evening 7:30. Prayer meeting Thursday evening 7:30. The third quarterly meeting of this year will be held May 9 and 10. Presiding Elder Rev. W. M. Puffer of Lansing will be

UNITED BRETHREN.

The United Brethern will hold services next Sunday at 2:30 p. m. at the residence of E. Brant. Services will be held every two weeks thereafter. Rev. Ida J. Robbins is pastor. All are in-

EPISCOPAL.

Saturday being S. S. Philip and James Day there will be Holy Communion at 10:45 a. m. Second Sunday after Easter. Sunday school at 3:30 p. m. Evening prayer and sermon at 7:30 PRESBYTERIAN.

The Rev. R. T. Lynd of Ithaca will occupy the pulpit in exchange with the pastor. Everybody cordially invited.

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Preaching morning and evening by the pastor.

First of the season

Don't miss it.

MAY 2. Tell your friends that the D., G. R. & W. R. (old D. L. & N. R. R.) SUNDAY

EXCURSION will run a special train leaving Alma at 8:40 a. m

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RAPIDS

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the "Bobolinks." 946-2w.

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curious from getting too near. When a corpse is taken to the tower. the mourners are compelled to stop at the line drawt where priests may enter, but others are debarred. The holy men take the body from there to its final resting place. Each body has a separate tower, and the position of the tower is gauged by the sex, age and social position of the corpse before detah They are not protected, and the body is left to the mercy of the wind and rain, and the beaks of the ghoullike birds that may be seen perched upon the walls, drawn thither probably by the odor of decomposi-

tion, finish off the flesh in quick time. The bones of the body pass under the in fluence of beds of quicklime and are thu consumed, while the fluids are conducted by underground channels to the sea There have been many grewsome finds re ported in the neighborhood of the towers of portions of arms, legs and other parts of the bodies being found by passersby which have been dropped by the volture in their flight. But of all this there is no a word in verification. They might come from the towers or from some other place

gangrene.

A surgeon was sent to England to learn the new "Listerism," and after his return not a single case of hospital gangrene ap peared in the Munich kraukenhaus. Many allied dangers were totally destroyed by this gospel of cleanliness, and in addition the suffering of patients during necessary operations was vastly relieved owing to the absence of inflammation. The most conservative savants estimate that the Lister antisepsis has increased the field of remedial surgery twentyfold and that the mortality of hazardous operations has been reduced from probably 50 per cent to something like 1 per cent. With antiseptic treatment the skull, even the viscera, can be safely entered for operation, and it is literally true that modern surgery car ithout danger remove any part of human organism which is not itself cosential to life. -Scribner's.

Offeloth. An offcloth may be cleaned and made to last as long again if treated in the following manner: Cut into pieces half an ounce of beeswax; put in a saucer, cover entirely with turpentine and place in the oven until melted. After washing the ollcloth thoroughly with a flannel, rub the whole surface lightly with a bit of flannel dipped in the melted wax and turpentine; then rub with a dry cloth. A polish is produced, and the surface is lightly coated with the wax. When the floor requires to be cleaned, the wax is washed off, together with the dust or dirt that may have gathered, while the oilcloth is preserved.

Dessert For Children.

A very delicate and healthful dessert for children is made from rennet and sweet milk. The rennet now comes in liquid form and has only to be added to milk that is warm to change it into a delicious curd or custard. This is sweetened and flavored and eaten very cold. A richer custard is made by adding a beaten egg to the milk before adding the repnet. Sometimes, for the sick, this dessert is flavored with a little brandy, or may be colored and flavored by adding a little raspberry or strawberry sirup. It may be used for the nursery ten with a simple cake in place of truit. - New

Village Council

ALMA, MICH., April 27, 1897. Special meeting of the Common council, upon call of the president to act upon the bond of B. S. Webb and any other business that might come before the meeting, on the above date, in the council chamber.

Present, President Bagley, trustees Gisss,
Prinker, Dean, Wilson, Brewbaker and Pollasky.

Upon motion the bond of B S Webb was ap-

C pon motion the bond of B S Webb was approved. Ayes, 5, nays, none.
It was moved and supported that the bond of E T Edwards be approved.
Ayes, 3; nays, 4. Motion lost and bond rejected.
It was moved and supported that \$13 be appropriated to the Firemen Department, \$10 to defray the expense of sending a delegate to the State Convention to be held in Detroit and \$3,00 for dues to State Association. Motion prevailed.

prevailed Motion Motion Motion Moved that the cierk be instructed to notify H A Delayan, Mr Sterling and Ed Berry to drain the water from their premises. Motion prevailed and so ordered.

Upon motion the council adjourned.
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SUNDAY GRAND RAPIDS EXCURSION.

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The towers are perched on top of the famous Malabar hill, just out of the city of Bombay. Nobody but a priest is allowed to approach within a certain distance of them, and guards are kept posted at every possible avenue of approach to stop life curious from getting too tent. When a corpse is taken to the tower, the mournary. by which default the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative, and no proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of six hundred and six dollars (\$600.00) principal and interest. Now, therefore, by virtue of said power of sale in said mortgage contained and of the statute in such case made and provided, notice is here by given that on Saturday, the 1st day of May such case made and provided, notice is here by given that on Saturghy, the list day of May A. D. 1867, at two o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the north front door of the court house, in the village of Ithaca, county of Gratiot, and state of Michigan, that being the building in which is held the circuit court for said county of Gratiot, I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, the land and premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said amount, together with the interest, costs of sale and an attorney fee of twenty live do! said amount, together with the interest, costs of sale and an attorney fee of twenty five dol lars as provided in said mortgage. The premises described in said mortgage and hereby noticed for sale are known and described as the north ball (\$\frac{1}{2}\$) of the north east quarter (\$\frac{1}{2}\$) of section 23, in township 11 north of range tour (4) west, except that portion occupied as a school house site, Gratiot county, Michigan. Dated February 1, 1897.

EARL G. TORREY. TREPHENA NORTON, Att'y for Assignee.

Att'y for

Dated, March S, 1897.
PERRINS & BALDWIN, JENNIE MCBLAIN.
Attorneys for Mortgagee, 940-13w Mortgagee

CHANCERY SALE:-State of Michigan, the County of Gratiot in Chancery.

Gerrit S. Ward, trustee and attorney in fact, for Wil-liam S. Turck, Ammi W. Wright, Joseph H. Seaver and Gerrit S. Ward, com-posing the firm of W. S. Turck & Co., of Alma, Mich. Compiainants.

William A. Bradley, Mary E. Bradley and The Old Na-tional Bank of Grand Rapids, (a corporation,)
Defendants.

order of the Circuit Court for the County of Gratiot in Chancery, made on the 22nd day of April, A. D. 1997, in the above en-titled cause. Notice is hereby given that for the purpose of making payment of the debts mentioned and decreed to be due upon two certain mortgages, the first bearing date becomber 2nd, 1891, and the second October 4th and 17th, A. D. 1892 as set forth in said decree, together with the interest, costs and expenses of saic decreed and taxed against the decendants winiam A. Bradley and Mary E. Bradley is portion of said costs of suit having been decreed to be paid and owing by the defendants. The Gld National rank of Grand Rapids Michigan, a corporation) the subscriber, a Circuit Court commissioner for said county and Court and the person ordered in said decree to make said

mission) the subscriber, a Circuit Court and missioner for said county and Court and the person ordered in said decree to make said saie, will sell at public auction at the north front door of the Court House, in the Village Ithaca, in said county, on Friday the 18th day of June A.D. '97, at one o clock in the aftern on of said day the several pieces and parcels of land mentioned to said morrogage and in the order set lost him. thaca, in said county, on Friday the 18th day of June A.D. '97, at one o clock in the aftern-onof said day the several pieces and parcels of land mentioned in said mortgage and in the order set forth in

in said mortgage and in the order set forth in said decree and in manner and form herein-after mentioned, together with the heredita-ments and appurtenances thereinto belonging particularly described as follows: LANDS COVERED BY FIRST MOATGAGE AND ORDER OF SALE.

Onder of sale.

First: The north-west one-quarter of the north-east one quarter of section number thirty one (31) in town number twelve (12) north of rang tour 4) west Gratiot County Michigan, containing forty acres of land according to the government survey.

Second: All that part of the south-east one quarter of the north-west one-quarter is ing west of Second street running north and south through said description of land except and reserving parcels of land soid to E. J. Fer-

south through said description of land except and reserving parcels of land sold to E. J. Fer-ris, Amanda Ferris. John Mates and Ray Bro-thers, 'eaving a toniance unsold of said descrip-tion supposed to contain thirty acres of land, situated and a part of section thirty one (31) in town twelve (12) north of range four divestin as said county. "Second Street" mentioned in last description being 250 feet west of quarter line rairning north and south through said sec-tion.

ine rutning north and south through said section.

Third: The homestead forty acres of land described as follows, to-wit: The north-east one-quarter of the north west one-quarter of section thirty-one (3) in town tweive (12) north of range four (4) west, containing forty acres of land more or less according to the government survey.

Lands Covered by Second Morraage and Onder of Sale.

First: Lot live hundred and sixty-seven (567) or the Kent plat [80 called,] of the city of Grand Rapids, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof.

Second: Commencing at a point one hus SECOND: Commencing at a point one hundred and twenty (120) feet south of the north one eighth line on the north and south one quarter line on section thirty-one (31) in town snip twelve (12) north of range four (4) west, thence west sixty-eight (68) feet, thence south thirty (30) feet, thence east sixty-eight [83] feet and thence north thirty [30] feet to the place of beginning, being a piece of land near the north-east corner of the southeast quarter of the north-west quarter of said section.

said section.
Third: The south west one-quarter of sec

Third: The south-west one-quarter of section twenty-five (25) and the west one half of the south-east one quarter of section thirty-four, (34) in township thirteen [13] north of range five [5] west, being in the township of Freemont, isabella county, Michigan,
Fourne: The north one-half of the north-east one-quarter of section number thirty-four [34], in said last described township.

Fight: The south-west one-quarter of the north-east one-quarter of section number thirty-four [34] and the south-east one-quarter of he south-east one-quarter of section number twenty-one, [2] all in said last described township. township,
SixTm: The east one-half of the north east
one-quarter and the south-west one-quarter of
the north east one-quarter of section number
twenty seven [27] in said last described town

ship,
Dated Ithaca, Mich., April 27, A. D., 1897.
Anchie McCall.,
Circuit Court : omnissioner ;
in and for Gratiot County, Mich.
William A. Baitles. 91,74w

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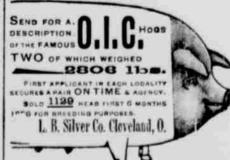
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C. J. NESELT, Editor.

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Kansas City, Kansas, Dec. 24, 91

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Mass Jennis Basser.

Washington Ave. and Summit St. Kansas City, Kapsas, Dec. 24, '91

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